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Prices at the beginning of the week generally unchanged to higher. Throughout the week prices were sharply higher in Chicago and the Eastern Region and mostly unchanged elsewhere. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was mostly good as many sellers held onto product with confidence. Supplies of large and extra large were barely adequate to close and adequate to instances close for the balance. Nestrunk breaking stock prices were trending higher throughout the week. Offerings were barely adequate to adequate and held with confidence. Trading and demand was light to moderate. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	90-98	77-84	56-66
New York	65-67	62-65	51-54
Philadelphia	50-65	48-63	37-51
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	43-44	41.5-43	35-36
Jackson (1)	53-54	50-51	42-43
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	50-63	47-61	39-53
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	49-54	48-53	40-45
Detroit (2)	40-43	39-42	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	41-46	40-44	30-35
Major Wisconsin Cities	44-51	42-49	35-42
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	58-59	55-58	45-47
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	75	67	58

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Oct-99
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	52.44	50.07	39.18
SOUTHERN	47.23	45.25	32.87
MIDWEST	42.36	41.34	28.73
WESTERN	65.76	60.28	46.83
TWELVE METRO AREAS	54.46	51.30	38.91

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-19-98	10-12-99	10-20-98
Large	23-25	21-23	49-51
Medium	17-19	10-12	36-38

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Oct 18,1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		NORTHEAST	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.1	12.8	5.3	11.9	8.5 46.6
	Change	0.3	4.0	0.7	0.3	-0.5 11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.6	22.5	9.1	24.0	16.3 99.5
	Change	-2.0	-9.0	-1.0	-1.6	-1.3 -13%
Large	Curr Wk	35.5	64.1	53.2	63.6	68.5 284.9
	Change	-14.1	-4.1	-6.6	5.9	-15.6 -11%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.5	26.6	12.5	17.1	21.4 87.1
	Change	-1.5	1.2	-1.0	-2.6	-1.8 -6%
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	4.1	2.3	3.9	5.9 19.8
	Change	-0.5	-0.9	0.1	-1.6	0.5 -11%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.1	21.0	9.3	9.5	5.8 51.7
	Change	1.5	0.3	-1.3	-0.9	1.5 2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	35.9	76.0	19.5	22.7	41.2 195.3
	Change	1.0	-8.6	-1.9	1.4	-11.4 -9%
Total	Curr Wk	126.3	227.1	111.2	152.7	167.6 784.9
Percent	Change	-11%	-7%	-9%	1%	-15% -8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	784.9	-8%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	502.5	-1%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,287.4	-6%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 16-OCT-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
C W	1,242,045	28,789	11,437	6,558	2,803	3,856
P W	1,218,404	27,251	12,272	6,428	2,420	3,916
L Y	1,055,824	25,402	9,496	4,995	2,073	3,430
% P W	2	6	-7	2	16	-2
% L Y	18	13	20	31	35	12
1999	45,664,244	1,059,690	435,948	237,944	106,102	144,376
1998	43,378,759	988,063	430,453	229,010	105,298	139,557

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
 40.77 40.93 41.03

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 16-OCT-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
	(IN THOUS)	PREVIOUS	LAST
		WEEK	YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	247.4	3	3
E.N. CENTRAL	473.5	-2	15
W.N. CENTRAL	240.6	1	12
S. ATLANTIC	202.4	0	-1
S. CENTRAL	73.3	-2	-11
WEST	155.5	-33	-32
TOTAL	1,392.7	-5	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		91	91

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	15 Selected States		in 15 Selected States	
	OCT 09	OCT 16	OCT 09	OCT 16
	Thousand			
AL	24,378	24,695	19,708	18,924
AR	28,245	26,594	21,970	23,150
DE	4,040	4,153	*3,962	4,907
FL	*2,553	2,021	*2,442	2,212
GA	*30,135	28,465	*23,623	21,933
MD	*8,240	8,189	*5,794	5,136
MS	17,353	17,068	13,388	13,366
NC	15,836	16,448	12,808	13,687
PA	*3,134	2,967	*2,662	2,630
SC	4,593	4,656	3,528	3,286
TX	13,118	13,149	10,342	8,968
VA	5,702	5,778	4,470	4,867
CA, TN, & WV	*10,230	10,113	*8,042	9,142
15 State Total	*167,557	164,296	*132,739	132,208
Previous Year	170,494	167,294	130,951	131,336
Pct. of Prev.	98	98	101	101

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 27-Nov-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 140.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 140.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 138.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 112.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 63.64CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 10/14/99-10/20/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	35.00	36.00	28.38	35.50	35.33	—	18.00
GNR W 2	—	—	26.00	—	32.00	35.50	6.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	22.00	24.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	37.25	41.14	40.79	—	12.25
GL W LG	45.00	—	37.50	41.79	39.45	—	16.00
GL W MD	—	—	32.67	35.59	33.00	29.25	14.25
GL W SM	—	—	16.17	18.17	18.00	—	7.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	30.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	31.80	28.00	—	28.65	30.83	22.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	30.90	32.00	5.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 16-OCT-99

SELECTED CENTERS	CONSUMING	CW	PW	PERCENT CHG	
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY	
ATLANTA	33.6	27.8	21	10	
BOSTON	4.9	4.3	14	-58	
CHICAGO	58.6	42.5	38	43	
DETROIT	25.3	31.2	-19	-6	
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0	
LOS ANGELES	91.4	89.0	3	10	
NEW ORLEANS	10.2	13.3	-23	-33	
NEW YORK	40.8	44.7	-9	-14	
ST. LOUIS	17.1	15.1	13	31	
SAN FRANCISCO	19.6	21.2	-8	7	
TOTAL	301.6	289.2	4	5	
4 WK MVG AVG	286.8				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 09-OCT-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	3,967	26	3,993
AVGWT	0.00	25.40	26.19	25.40
LAST WEEK	0	5,178	43	5,221
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,474	33	4,507
AVGWT	0.00	24.93(A)	26.58	24.94
TO-DATE/1999	55	192,599(A)	1,442	194,096
TO-DATE/1998	72	201,636(A)	1,499	203,207

(A) Includes 609,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 988,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 09-OCT-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			
NEAST	324	-54	20.08	NONE	NONE	324	20.08
SATL	696	-38	27.87	(A)	(A)	703	27.85
N CENT	2,148	-14	27.24	(A)	(A)	2,167	27.23
S CENT	662	89	19.80	NONE	NONE	662	19.80
WEST	137	-73	23.55	NONE	NONE	137	23.55
U.S.TOTAL	3,967(B)	-18	25.40	0	26	3,993	25.40

TO DATE

1999 192,599(B) 55 1,442 194,096

TO DATE

1998 201,636(B) 72 1,499 203,207

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 13,000 for the year 609,000; last year to date 988,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 16-Oct-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,293 (A)	1,683	1,620	3,303	450
AVGWT	5.08	3.45	7.63	5.50	6.53
LAST WEEK	153,081	1,831	1,652	3,483	430
YR AGO	148,938	1,606	1,293	2,899	317
AVGWT	4.96	3.40	7.84	5.38	6.65
TO-DATE/1999	6,222,865	85,576	57,790	143,366	18,155
TO-DATE/1998	5,988,267	84,090	51,870	135,960	18,371

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.2 million head or 6.7 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Oct-99

	CURRENT WEEK 10/23/99(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/16/99
CLASS----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	156,045 (2)	155,477
LT HENS	1,948	1,684
HVY HENS	1,670	1,674
CHECK TOTAL	159,663	158,835

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Oct-99 is 148.3 million head compared to 150.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.9 million head or 9.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 30-Oct-99 the estimated available is 148.5 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 11	136.8	150.8	91	4.91
18	154.2	151.7	102	4.87
25	157.8	153.2	103	5.04
OCTOBER 2	155.8	151.8	103	4.94
9	154.9	149.7	103	5.06
16	155.2	148.5	105	5.08
YEAR TO DATE	6,300.0	6,241.7	101	
OCTOBER 23		148.3		
30		148.5		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
18-Oct-99	11-Oct-99	19-Oct-99	19-Oct-98
55.36	1.58	53.78	67.60
NUMBER OF LOADS	669		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 10/18-10/23/99.

10/18-10/23/99.		U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	43.00-46.00	46.03	48	48.62	77
Los Angeles	64.00	62.81	61	60.84	168
New York	45.00-49.00	48.07	33	55.20	91

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	79-81	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-79	79	79.00	160
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	69-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-76	74	74.00	80
WESTERN REGION	71-76	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 18-Oct-99	3,377	168,640	93,017
AM 1-Oct-99	4,146	183,153	95,290
CHG	-769	-14513	-2273
PCT CHG	-19	-8	-2
CK TTL	8,311	366,314	190,582

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
5/18/99	RANGE		
Southeast Heavy	5-16(1)	7.75-14.5	10.65
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	8-19.5(1)	10-11	12.05
5/14/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern Light	0-0(1)		
Eastern Light	0(2)		
So. Central Light	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central Light	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central Light	0-.5(2)		

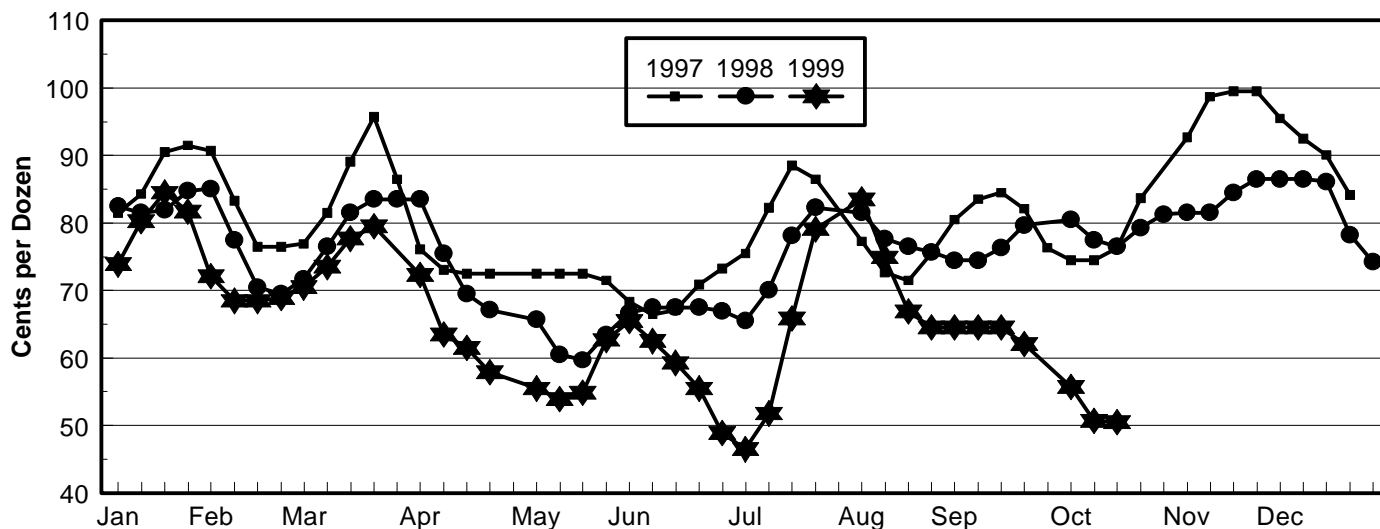
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

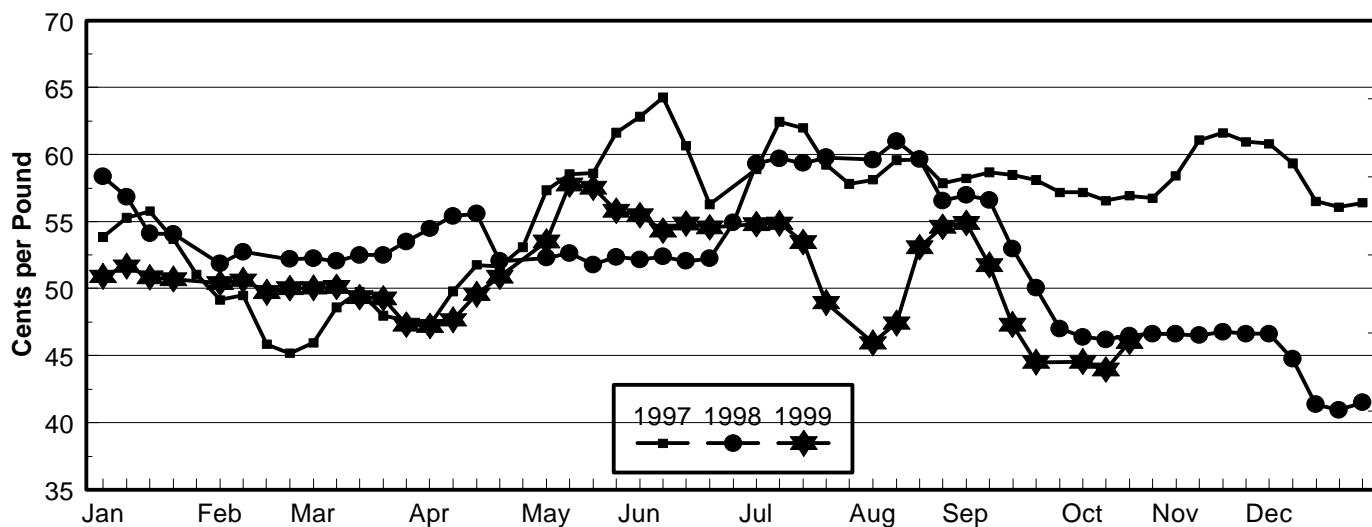
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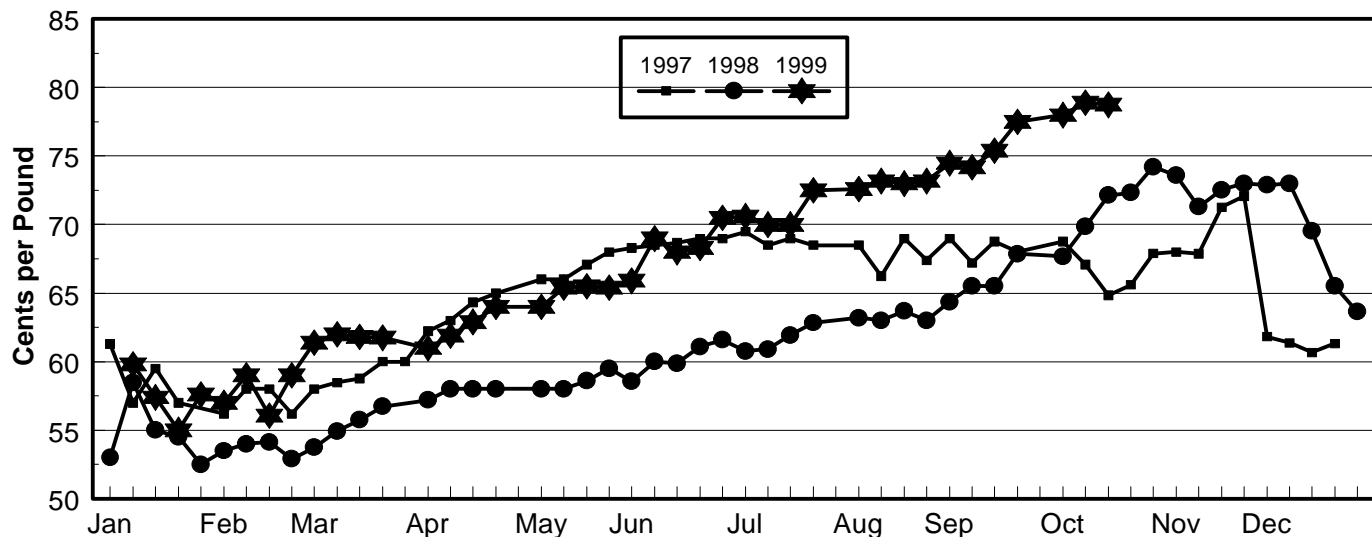
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.